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Applicant(s): James D. Ralph and Stephen Tatar					
Invention: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE HAVING A RADIALY THINNING BELLEVILLE SPRING					
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.